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Schedule in effect January 17, 1898.

All trains arrive and leave at Pennsylvania pas Schedule in effect January 17, 1898.

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8:01 A.M.—Daily.—Lecal for Danville, Charlotte and way stations. Connects at Manassas for Strasburg, Harrisonburg and Staunton, daily except Sunday, and at Lynchburg with the Norfolk and Western daily.

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3:00 p.m. daily from Round Hill, 7:08 a.m. daily,
except Sunday, from Herndon, 8:34 a.m. daily, except Sunday, from Leesburg.

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For Cincinnati, St. Louis and Indianapolis, Express, 11:25 a.m. Vestibuled Limited, 8:40 p.m.
Express, 11:25 p.m.
For Pittsburg and Cleveland, Express daily, 11:05 a.m. and 8:50 p.m.
For Columbus, Toledo and Detroit, 11:55 p.m.
For Winchester and way stations, 48:00 a.m., 18:40 and 15:30 p.m.
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11:20 P.M. For Mt. Vernon, week days, 6:30, 8:00, 10:05, 11:00 A.M.; 12:05, 1:15, 2:05, 3:59, 7:06 P.M. For Mt. Verron, Sundays, 7:45, 9:45 A.M.; 12:00 ncon, 2:15, 3:45, 6:45 P.M. ncon, 2:15, 3:45, 6:45 P.M.
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For Arlington and Aqueduct Bridge, Sundays, 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15 A.M.; 12:00 ncon, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15, 6:00, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15 F.M.
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suite; perfect in all appointments. The cuisine
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ja6-tf R. J. MARSHALL, Manager. PEACE PARTY GAINING GROUND.

Ruling Spirit in the Spanish Cabinet is Against War. A special to the New York Herald from Madrid says: More than ever is the peace party gaining ground—that is, the party of Senors Sagasta and Moret, who have so repeatedly stated that Spain needs

peace at all price, except that of honor. An inspired article in the Heraldo, after mentioning that President McKinley's in-tervention between the insurgents and the autonomists to restore peace would be accoptable, concludes:

"As is said at Washington, peace is desired at all risks, and the government of Spain affirms the same desire. The best thing is that the two nations should meet

And this reflects the ruling spirit in the Spanish cabinet. The following residents of Washi have been granted pensions: Theodore Mungen, \$6; Charles Erwin, \$12; Mary L. MoAllister, \$8; Matilda C. Frinsell, \$6; Roberson B. Wrenn, \$8 to \$12 increase; Samuel T. McPherson, \$8 to \$12 increase.

FAIR ERIN'S IDOL

Celebration of the Anniversary of the Great St. Patrick.

ELOQUENT ADDRESS BY DR. GARRIGAN

Pontifical High Mass Celebrated by Bishop Curtis.

OTHERWISE OBSERVED

Irishmen and the descendants of Irishmen the world over are celebrating today the anniversary of the great patron saint of the Emerald Isle, and in various ways the glorious memory of St. Patrick is per-petuated and his achievements and virtues commemorated with reverence and love. In many American cities the chief feature of the day is a parade of the societies affiliated with the Catholic Church and organizations of Irishmen, and until recent years in Washington such a celebration was also observed. This year, however, the parade was eliminated, but the anniversary is not being a served with any less enthusiasm on that account.

Pontifical Mass at St. Patricks. The chief celebration of the day was at St. Patrick's Church, where pontifical high mass was celebrated at 10:30 o'clock by Right Reverend Bishop Curtis, assisted by Rev. Father Caughy and the Rev. Dr. Dunmont as deacons, and Rev. Father Rich-

mont as deacons, and Rev. Father Richards as subdeacon. There was a very large congregation present and the services were solemn and impressive. The chancel was decorated with foliage plants.

The music was particularly fine. The Gregorian Laudate Dominum preceded the complete mass of Gounod. O'Shea's "Veni Creator" was sung before the sermon by Mrs. Pauline Montegriffo Maina. At the offertory "Sit Nomen Domine," solos, concerted and chorus by Cagliero, was rendered, the solos being sustained by Mr. Maina, Mrs. Blanche Mattingly Rogers, Mrs. Maina, Mr. W. F. McFarland and Mr. Bernard A. Ryan. At the conclusion of the mass Wiegand's "Hymn to St. Patrick" was sung in English, with Mr. Maina and Mr. McFarland as soloists.

An Eloquent Sermon. An Eloquent Sermon

The sermon, preached by the Very Reverend P. J. Garrigan, D.D., vice rector of the Catholic University, was a most eloquent effort. He said in part: "The day we celebrate, dear brethren

omes down to us from remote antiquity comes down to us from remote antiquity laden with hallowed memories to the sons of the Gael, and reca..ling a history as varied and interesting as any that has ever been written, if we except the inspired narrative in which Moses and the Jewish people have been the principal actors. The Jewish people are without a country as they are without a Mersiah, and the greatness and glory of that race lies in the single fact that the Redeemer of the world was born of them in Bethlehem. Judes: was born of them in Bethlehem, Judea; whereas the Irish race, with their great law giver and apostle is a subject more fresh and interesting than the latest European conquest or the newest republic, and for the good reason that they have a contint ous nistory dating back one thousand tint ous history dating back one thousand years before Christ and coming up withyears before Christ and coming up with-out interruption to our own day, and through all the vicissitudes and revolutions through all the vicissitudes and revolutions of time still possessed of a country, a national spirit and an undying love for liberty and learning. During her career as a nation, Pagan and Christian, Ireland has steadfastly refused to enter the various currents of thought, political, religious or social. She has maintained in the last one thousand years an almost constant struggle against three powerful enemics—the Danes, the Norman and finally against the introduction of Protestantism, all of which she finally overcame, because of her superhuroan valor and her supernatural faith.

St. Patrick's Influence. "When St. Patrick came to Ireland as its opostle, the grace of God came down gen-Kings and people became Christian, and the whole nation believed in the true God. The fair form of Christianity grew up amidst them, grew and expanded like a amidst them, grew and expanded like a beautiful figure which commended itself to their cultured minds. It was majestic and solemn; it was soothing to the griefs, and indulgent to the hopes of men; it was a teaching and a worship; it had a dogma, a mystery, a priesthood and a church, an altar of divine sacrifice and a chair of divine truth; and thus lovely Erin, bright and bouyant as her sparkling rivers, noble and bouyant as her sparkling rivers, noble and majestic as her radiant mountain tops, jure and fair as her emerald sneen added ture and fair as her emerald sheen added to her rich natural endowments supernat-ural gifts of civine truth and divine faith. Notwithstanding the most cruel persecu-tions for certuries, Ireland has remained ever true to her Christian conscience, and never once broke the solemn vows she made to St. Patrick at her baptism. To-day, after fifteen hundred years as a Chris-tian people, she is proudly conspicuous for her unbroken tradition of immaculate Cathher unbroken tradition of immaculate Cath-olic faith, and among the nations of the Christian world there cannot be found an-

other people so instinct with religious be-lief and so governed by the laws of Chris-tianity as the people of Ireland. Characteristics of the Irish. "The Irish people had other strong characteristics than these two when St. Patrick came among them-a love for learning and a great reverence for religion. These two prominent characteristics showed themselves in a very marked manner ed themselve: in a very marked manner and degree at two mest momentous epochs in European history, in the period called by many the dark ages, and in the century of the so-called reformation. In the former she relighted the lamp of learning extinguished by the barbarians and restored letters and religion in the greater part of Europe; in the latter period she preserved the true faith undefiled, and diffused it among the English-speaking peoples of the globe."

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the globe."

These two points of the discourse were developed forcibly and eloquently, the speaker making special reference to the three great fields of missionary labors outlined by the direction and spread of the English language, the three continents, Europe, represented by England, Scotland and Wales; Australia and the United States and Canada. Dr. Garrigan spoke earnestly and pathetically of the Irish exile landing on our shores, bringing naught but his sturdy manhood and his Irish faith, and from these elements as a foundation many of the great industries of our country were built up and carried on, and upon them the Catholic Church in America laid its corner stone.

Growth of the Church in This Country "In 1810 there were one archbishop," he said, "four bishops, seventy priests and 150,000 Catholic faithful in our country. l'oday there are ninety dioceses in the land, with over 8,000 priests and a Catho-lic population of at least 10,000,000. Of this glorious church," he continued, "well this glorious church," he continued, "well organized and well equipped, it is safe to say that at least two-thirds are of Irish birth or parentage, a very large number of whom occupy high commercial, professional and official positions. This element of our population have enriched the republic with their faith, their virtues and their industrious lives; they are second to none in their loyafty to the nation and in the discharge of every citizen duty, and they have built up the church to its present proportion of strength and glory by their unflagging devotion to the true faith and their earnestness for truth and thorough education." Celebrations Tonight.

Celebrations Tonight.

The members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will meet with their wives and daughters and friends in the Washington Light Infantry armory, and it is expected that nearly the entire strength of the seven divisions and the ladies' auxiliary, numbering over 1,200, will be present. The decorations of the armory will be appropriate to the occasion. The stars and stripes and the flag of Erin will be draped and festioned from cellings and walls, and their effect enhanced by profuse arrangements of flowers and foliage plants.

The grogram, which will be informal, will consist of a number of entertaining and inferesting features, including addresses by members of the order and by Repre-

sentative Pitzgerald of Massachusetts and Daniel Murphy of California.

The young and flourishing Holy Name Commandery, No. 248, Knights of St. John, will celebrate the anniversary tonight at Carroll Institute Hall. Two one-act sketches will be given by the Carroll Institute Dramatic Club, and a social entertainment will close the evening. will close the evening.

NEWS OF THE UNITED SERVICE.

mendations of the Secretaries of War and Navy. The House committee on naval affairs

vesterday discussed the recommendations of the Secretary of the Navy as to increases in some branches of the service, but took no important setion. The Secretary wants authority for the appointment of acting assistant surgeons by the President, and the sentiment, it is stated, is favorable to granting that recommendation. The request for a large number of skilled mahinists in the navy, as well as the further augmentation of the engineer corps, caused a vigorous discussion, which, however, met with no significant result. A motion was made for the authorization of the construction of six torpedo boats and six torpedoboat destroyers. It was immediately challenged as involving a large expenditure, and, after some discussion, action was deferred. It was agreed that the addition of fifteen assistant paymasters should be allowed. Some dock details were also dis

Secretary Alger sent to the House yesterday an urgent request for an increase in the medical corps of the army, which has become absolutely necessary through the additions to the artillery forces and by the garrisoning of the numerous small posts. At the present time, the Secretary says, several of our military posts, which are garrisoned by a full regiment or more, and which should have three medical officers, have but two, as Fort Assimiboine, Mont., Fort Crook, Neb., Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., Fort Douglass, Utah, Madison barracks, N. Y., Fort McPherson, Ga., Fort Niobrara, Neb., and Plattsburg barracks, N. Y. The result of this scarcity is that where a medical officer who is the single one stationed cal officer who is the single one stationed there leaves his post it is difficult to fill his place. If the corps could be increased by the addition of twenty-five assistant surgeons, with the rank of first lieutenant, all legitimate demands under ordinary con-

all legitimate demands under ordinary conditions could be met. There are now three vacancies, and two medical officers have been ordered before a retiring board.

Secretary Alger also sent to the House an additional deficiency estimate of \$466,400, for the present fiscal year, for the pay, etc., of the army. He says every dollar of this estimate, in addition to that already asked for will be required to pay the army to June 30 of this year, as shown by an analysis of the disbursements for the first six months of the current fiscal year.

THE SAN JOSE SCALE.

An Interesting Bulletin Prepared by Entomologist Howard. The Agricultural Department has just is-

sued a bulletin on the San Jose scale in 1896-97, prepared by Entomologist L. O. Howard. It is of much interest at this time because of the recent edict of the German government prohibiting the importation of living plants, fruits, etc., because of the alleged discovery of the scale on peas shipped from California. The present builetin is supplemental to one on the same subject published in January, 1896, which contained a history of the eastern occurrences of the insect down to December

Never, it is said, in the history of eco nomic entomology in the United States has a single species of insect excited so much interest as the San Jose scale. In the light of what we know, the bulletin says, our ac-tual knowledge of the distribution of the scale in the east in the fall of 1805 was comparatively slight. It was then reported as occurring in the twenty states, but in comparatively few localities in each, with the single exception of New Jersey. In 1896-97 actual field inspection in Virginia, Maryland, Illinois, Ohio, Georgia and sev-eral others showed that in these states the insect was nearly as widespread as in New Jersey, while twelve states and the District of Columbia have been added to the num-

ber containing infested points. The pest also was found in lower Ontario in 1807 and the dominion government is considering the question of legislation on the subject. A list of fifty-five fruit and shade trees and ornamental shrubs affected by the pest is given. Considerable space is devoted to a discussion of the remedica suggested to kill the pest.

FAVORABLY CONSIDERED.

The Bill to Incorporate the Interna-

tional American Bank. The House committee on banking and curency has authorized a favorable report on the bill for the incorporation of the International American Bank, in accordance with the recommendations of the Pan-American conference to encourage the financial relations of the American countries. The bill provides for a capital stock of \$5,000,000, and names T. Jefferson Coolidge of Massachusetts, H. W. Cannon of New York and others as commissioners to receive stock subscriptions.

The subcommittee drafting the general

currency legislation announced it probably would be in readiness to report a general bill to the committee next weeek.

SAMPLE ROOM AT LEIPSIC.

Consul Warner Points Out Its Possible Benefits. United States Consul Warner has made a proposition to the State Department for he establishment of a "Musterlager," or sample room, for American goods and manufactures in Leipsic. The running expenses of such an establishment, he says, would be about \$2,500 a year, including taxes, licenses, stationery, lights, water, etc. It is not his idea that this expense should be defrayed by the government, but that each American exhibitor be charged a stated sum for having his goods displayed, and

that a commission be retained on all sales made. The consul says that as he would be held responsible for the expenses of the exhibiion, he wouldn't care to make any con-tracts unless reasonably assured of the suc-cess of the plan. The extent of the proposed "Musterlager." he says, will be limited, "Musterlager," he says, will be limited, the idea being merely to furnish quarters where German merchants and visitors may where German merchants and visitors may have an opportunity of personally inspecting articles of American manufacture. The display rooms will have no connection with the consulate, although they will be under the personal direction of the consul. They will be actually in charge of another person, who will furnish information as to cost, quality, grade, etc., of the various goods displayed. Consul Warner says it is hoped that the proposed enterprise will stimulate trade along many lines in which the Germans are deficient.

Instruction of the Blind.

Ambassador White at Berlin has notified the State Department that the ninth congress of persons interested in the in-struction of the blind will be held in Berin in July next, and that the United States has been invited to send representatives to the congress. He says there will be an exhibition of methods of teaching and of work performed by the blind in connection with the Royal Institution at Steglitz.

To Remove a Cloud. mas J. Naylor and Henrictta M. Brightwell, through Attorneys D. W. Baker and W. H. White, have filed a bill in equity against the District of Columbiashing the court to decree the removation of a cloud from the title of certain property owned by the complainants.

AUCTION SALES OF REAL ESTATE, &c.

Duncanson Bros., Aucta., 9th and D sts. n.w., Arnatose' sale of dwelling No. 1419 10th st. n.w., of Thursday, March 17, at 4:80 o'clock p.m. Will-iam A. Gordon and John J. Wilmarth, trustees.

Tomorrow.

Thomas J. Owen, Auct., 912 P st. n.w.—fiele stock of fluware, etc., of premises No. 1694 7th st., on Friday, March 18, at 30 o'clock a.m.

James W. Bateliffe, Auct., 920 Pa. ave. n.w.—
Trantees' sale of dwellings Nos. 1720-20-30 12th st. n.e., on Friday, March 18, at 4:30 o'clock p.m. Samuel H. Walker and Michael I. Weller, trustee;